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Daniel Pearl was born in Princeton, New Jersey on October 10, 1963, and grew up in Los Angeles, where he distinguished himself with an uncommon aptitude for music, academics and sports.

To most of the world, he will always be known as the Wall Street Journal reporter whom terrorists in Pakistan kidnapped and brutally murdered in early 2002 a few months following the 9/11 attacks. Since that time, he is remembered as a symbol of courage, integrity, dedication and hope: a man who attempted to build bridges between diverse cultures in his capacities as both a journalist and a gifted musician.

For Daniel Pearl, music became an essential form of personal expression. It led to his involvement in several bands throughout the world, where he improvised on the electric violin, fiddle, or mandolin. Friends and colleagues recall his bursts of spontaneous creativity as a songwriter or performer whenever the occasion warranted or the mood inspired him.

In the spirit of Danny's love of music and commitment to dialogue, the Daniel Pearl Foundation, established by his parents in his memory, launched the first "Daniel Pearl World Music Days" event on October 10, 2002, which would have been his 39th birthday. Today, the Annual Daniel Pearl World Music Days has grown to include

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thousands of performances in over 80 countries, dedicated to the ideal of a hate-free world. Local events here in Los Angeles include chamber music, traditional Sephardic songs and a Baroque violin recital; straight-ahead, Latin, and avant-funk jazz; dubstep and World Beat performances, bluegrass trios and gypsy swing, just to name a few. The full schedule of this year's events may be found on-line at <http://www.danielpearlmusicdays.org/events.php>

On September 30, 2009, President Obama underscored the importance of this unique event by taking the occasion to issue a Presidential Statement, in which he called the initiative "a fitting tribute to a man who promoted respect and dialogue throughout the world."

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors hereby proclaim the period of October 1-31, 2012 as "Daniel Pearl World Music Days" in the County of Los Angeles, and encourage all County residents to honor the memory of Daniel Pearl during this month-long period by attending these musical performances dedicated to promoting cross-cultural understanding, and reminding people of all cultures and religions that we share a common humanity.

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